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City of Charleston Statement About Laurel Island

Charleston, S.C.—Today, City of Charleston director of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability Jacob Lindsey released the following statement about North American Properties' decision to withdraw its plans to create a large-scale, mixed use development on Laurel Island:

"While the Laurel Island site may not have been an ideal fit for these developers' very large plans, the City continues to support appropriate development of the Upper Peninsula and Laurel Island. This site presents a number of challenges, including building atop a former landfill, and the successful project will require significant coordination with the City and Charleston County. We look forward to a properly-scaled development of this site in the future, which will certainly include improvements to the island's access in the form of new roads and bridges that respect the needs of both Laurel Island and existing peninsula neighborhoods." -- City of Charleston Planning Director Jacob Lindsey

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